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TO AMEMBASSY BUJUMBURA  
AMEMBASSY KIGALI  
INFO AMEMBASSY KINSHASA  
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AMEMBASSY SEOUL

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SUBJECT: SOUTH KOREAN APPROACH TO BURUNDI

REF:(A) STATE 189061; (B) BUJUMBURA 1003 (NOTAL);  
(C) SEOUL 9105 (NOTAL)

1. ON DECEMBER 28 KOREAN FIRST SECRETARY, SAN KIL SHIN,  
INFORMED AF/C COUNTRY OFFICER THAT IN RESPONSE TO U.S.  
RECOMMENDATIONS (AS CONTAINED REFTELS), KOREAN GOVERNMENT  
HAS BEGUN INITIATIVES TO RE-ESTABLISH AND IMPROVE  
RELATIONS WITH BURUNDI. ACCORDING TO SHIN, ROK FEELS THAT  
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THE CHANGE IN GOVERNMENT IN BURUNDI PROVIDES A  
PROPITIOUS OPPORTUNITY FOR ATTEMPTING TO IMPROVE ROK/GRB  
RELATIONS.

2. ROK INFORMED ITS EMBASSY HERE THAT AS A FIRST GESTURE,  
KOREAN AMBASSADOR TO ZAIRE HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO

TRAVEL TO BURUNDI TO CALL ON NEW BURUNDI OFFICIALDOM.  
HOWEVER, BURUNDI EMBASSY IN ZAIRE HAS RESPONDED "COLDLY  
AND NEGATIVELY" TO AMBASSADOR'S REQUEST FOR A VISA TO  
ENTER BURUNDI. ROK INSTRUCTED ITS EMBASSY HERE TO SEEK  
U.S. ASSISTANCE IN GETTING THE WORD TO GRB REGARDING  
SIGNIFICANCE OF ROK GESTURE AND ENCOURAGING GRB TO  
AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE OF VISA.

3. FOR BUJUMBURA: DEPT. WOULD WELCOME YOUR COMMENTS.  
AT YOUR DISCRETION, YOU MAY INFORM GRB OF ROK'S DESIRE  
NORMALIZE RELATIONS; EXPRESS USG SUPPORT FOR THIS  
INITIATIVE; AND URGE THAT BURUNDI EMBASSY KINSHASA BE  
INSTRUCTED TO EXTEND APPROPRIATE COURTESIES TO ROK  
AMBASSADOR.

4. FOR KIGALI: IN VIEW OF REFTEL(A), WOULD APPRECIATE  
YOUR ADVICE ON WHETHER ROK REP MIGHT ALSO USEFULLY VISIT  
KIGALI AT THIS TIME.  
ROBINSON

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